

REMARKS

In the action, the Examiner set forth a requirement for restriction to one of the two inventions claimed in the two groups of claims identified as Groups I and II.

The Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the claims identified as belonging to Group I, namely, claims 7 through 11, for further prosecution on the merits. Claims 7 through 11 are directed toward a small-diameter resin twisted brush.

The Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to prosecute the claims not being elected at this time, namely, claims 12 through 17, identified as belonging to Group II and directed toward a process for manufacturing a small-diameter twisted brush.

Early and positive consideration of the claims being elected is earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,



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